

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND  
MINUTES**

DATE: March 9, 2015  
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School  
152 Jenckes Hill Road  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
TIME: 7:00 PM – Open Session

School Committee Members Present: Kristine Donabedian, Chair; Mary Anne Roll, Vice Chair; John Carroll, Clerk; Tracey Cavanaugh, John LaFleur, Staci Rapko-Bruckner, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois, Armand Milazzo, Lori Miller, Maryann Struble, Mark Thompson, Rosemary Stein

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard

Mary Anne Roll suggested moving Right to be Heard to follow Citations because of the number of speakers. There were no objections.

I. Consent agenda

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Salary Warrants
2. Expense Warrants
3. Personnel Recommendations

**Resignations**

- a. Renee Jarest  
9828 Aragorn Lane, NW  
Charlotte, NC 28269-6993
- From: 1:1 TA - Central  
Effective: February 18, 2015

**Leave of Absences**

- b. Alicia Kroszner  
438 Tiffany Ave.  
Warwick, RI 02889
- From: English – High School  
Effective: 2015 – 2016 school year

**Teacher Appointments**

- a. Fred Hoppe  
203 School St.  
Forestdale, RI 02824
- To: ESY Coordinator  
Effective: 2014-2015 school year  
Salary: Per contract

**Long-Term Substitute Teacher Appointments**

- a. Sandra Laverdiere  
8 Lampercock Lane  
Lincoln, RI 02865
- To: LTS Resource – Middle School  
Effective: January 12, 2015 – March 31, 2015  
Salary: B-1 \$10,106.10

**Support Staff Appointments**

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| a. Christine Olley<br>20 Cullen Hill Road<br>Lincoln, RI 02865 | To: 15 hr/week PT TA – Central<br>Effective: February 27, 2015 – June 2015<br>Salary: \$10.25/hour |
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**Coaching Appointments**

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| a. Kevin Gustafson<br>75 Finn Road<br>Pascoag, RI 02859           | To: Boys Lacrosse Head Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014-2015 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract                              |
| b. Charlene Snyder<br>1 Cullen Ave.<br>Lincoln, RI 02865          | To: Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014-2015 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract                        |
| c. Neil Dupre<br>400 New River Road<br>Lincoln, RI 02865          | To: Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014-2015 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract                        |
| d. Matthew Netto<br>49 Binford St.<br>Central Falls, RI 02863     | To: Baseball Assistant Coach – High School<br>Effective: 2014-2015 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract                              |
| e. Brian Burnham<br>27 Roys Drive<br>Spencer, MA 01562            | To: JV Boys Volleyball – High School<br>Effective: 2014-15 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract<br><i>(pending certification)</i>    |
| f. Charlie Shen de Leon<br>360 Natick Avenue<br>Warwick, RI 02886 | To: Outdoor Track Coach – Middle School<br>Effective: 2014-15 Spring Sports Season<br>Salary: Per contract<br><i>(pending certification)</i> |

- 4. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Textbooks
- 5. Civic Use of Buildings
  - American Cancer Society Relay for Life – 6/19/15 & 6/20/15 @ LMS
- 6. Approval of Regular Session Minutes
  - a. February 4, 2015 Special Meeting
  - b. February 12, 2015 School Committee Meeting
- 7. Approval of Executive Session Minutes
  - a. February 5, 2015 Special Meeting

II. Superintendent's Report

- a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato reported *Christopher Relyea* won the Lincoln Public Schools Spelling Bee and went on to the State Spelling Bee. He won the State Spelling Bee and will be going to Washington DC in May. Chairwoman Donabedian presented Christopher with a certificate of recognition for each spelling bee.

The following 2015 Lincoln High School Science Fair winners received certificates of recognition from Chairwoman Donabedian:

- Brandon Bisbano* – The effects of different bio stimulation methods on the bio-degradation of Hydrocarbons
- Alexa Labossiere* – The effects of chemical and physical barriers on acid rain neutralization.
- Ross Lancaster* – Engineering the artificial pancreas.
- Veer Shah* – Which cell phone company emits the most radiation.

The following were presented certificates of recognition by Julie Zito for Girls' Swimming Rhode Island Interscholastic League, Division II Champions 2014-2015:

- Marisa Brown, Meghan Cullen, Cianna Dumas, Jamie Fain-Burns, Angela Gagne, Casey Gagnon, Julia Germani, Nancy Good, Hannah Gosselin, Emily Jacobson, Danielle Jorge, Yelizaveta Korotkova, Angela Macksoud, Kelly Mathias, Nicole Moneghan, Talia Torkomian, Mollie Westrick* (who also won First Place in the 100 Yard Freestyle and First Place in the 50 Yard Freestyle), *Natalie Westrick, Kaelyn Zak, Head Coach Tom Diiorio, Assistant Coach Matthew Parenteau.*

Right to be Heard – The Chair reminded everyone that there is a five minute time limit and only items on the agenda can be commented on, but all seemed to be regarding the Charter School Resolution. Jennifer Howland stated her daughter, who is physically and mentally handicapped, is at BVP and entitled to federal money. She felt the resolution was insulting. Raymond Salvatore, who is a Cumberland School Committee member, stated it is about a mathematical equation and this is a moratorium while looking at state funding. Kristen Caranci read a letter sent to officials about school choice. She chose BVP because of its values and asked the Committee to consider everyone's comments. The Chair explained this is about the peer funding formula. Jill Klitzner stated she had children at Northern Elementary, Bradley and BVP and that one size does not fit all. She asked the Committee to not make this about money. Bradley Collins stated he moved to Lincoln from Pawtucket and has two students at BVP. He provided statistics on per pupil spending and enrollments of surrounding states. Fred Hoppe stated the formula is inequitable in dollars and this is not against Charter Schools, it's about funding.

## II. Superintendent's Report, Continued

- b. Approval of LHS Early Release Days – 1/15/16 & 5/27/16  
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. Approval of Charter School Resolution  
The Chair explained she modified Cumberland's resolution format. The sub parts are: 1) asking the General Assembly to consider the negative fiscal impact. The amount of variable costs of \$399,000 were compared to the full amount of tuitions of 2.3 million dollars paid and the difference in fixed costs and teacher salaries; 2) Inequitable funding of the fair funding formula amount. The district has not been receiving 100% of that entitlement as it is phased in; 3) Disparate local district obligations. They compared Lincoln to other towns and in some cases Lincoln pays more than two times per student than neighboring districts. 4) Unpredictability of local tuition obligations. State funding is based on projected enrollment from the prior year. They are asking for a moratorium on expanding Charter Schools. She opened discussion for school committee members.

Motion by Carroll to remove this item from the agenda Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. John Carroll stated he would like to see how Charter Schools fit into the strategic plan. Roll encouraged consideration of the resolution as it is involved in the fair funding formula. It is an opportunity to tell the General Assembly it is important; the state is facing a structural deficit, not just in education.

The motion FAILED 6-1. On a roll call vote, the following voted AYE:

Donabedian, Roll, Cavanaugh, LaFleur, Rapko-Bruckner, Zito. Carroll; NAY.

Motion to approve the resolution by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll.

Discussion ensued with Roll stating the formula is complicated and the issue of the moratorium is the unpredictability piece. Lotteries create waiting lists and waiting lists create demand. There will be one more BVP school, but they don't know where that will be and they have no say in the establishment of Charter Schools. Cavanaugh agreed and thought everyone should be given time to talk about it. Carroll stated Charter Schools represent less than 4% in the state and feels there is plenty of money. He disagrees with the resolution. Donabedian commented enrollments have been declining but costs are increasing in part due to Charter Schools. Roll noted there are 37 school districts, plus 19 or 20 Charter Schools and RIDE looks at each Charter as a school district. They don't operate by the same rules and don't have the same accountability.

The motion carried 6-1. On a roll call vote, the following voted AYE: Donabedian, Roll, Cavanaugh, LaFleur, Rapko-Bruckner, Zito; NAY: Carroll.

d. Presentation – Replacement Plan for Fleet of Trucks

The Director of Operations reported on the condition of the district's vehicles and replacement plan for the following: 2001 F350 truck, 2001 E450 van, 2007 F550 truck, 1999 E350 truck, 2003 E150 truck, 2006 F250 truck, 2013 Ford Transit and 2014 Chevy Express van. There is also a John Deere tractor in the high school shed used for snow removal. He anticipates replacing one vehicle per year to 2023. John LaFleur asked if it would be more cost effective to use a rental when a vehicle to move furniture is needed. Milazzo stated they move snow blowers in storms. LaFleur suggested adding snow blowers at each school. Armand Milazzo proposed two garage doors at the high school to house vehicles inside to minimize rusting and allow for some maintenance on the vehicles. He will have more information and a firm cost estimate for the school committee's regular meeting in April. Milazzo explained the front loader recently purchased didn't start and is being looked at. If there is a problem with it, it can be returned.

e. Ferguson Field Update

The Business Manager reported the town is proposing the addition of a press box and bleachers. Once the specification is amended to include them as an alternate, the bids should be ready for March 16<sup>th</sup> with a site visit on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Bids would be opened on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The recommendation for award will be conditional on the Health and Safety moratorium by the State that will hopefully be lifted on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Borings are scheduled to find out what is under the field and may be available before bids go out. They hope to be on schedule for completion September 1<sup>st</sup>.

f. Financial Report/Charter Schools Update

Lori Miller reported there was an issue with the software and network servers and some files were hacked. IT found it Thursday and the system was back up on Friday. She is still projecting a zero variance this year. A positive variance is projected on the tuition side. She is still concerned with medical claims. They have spent \$3,194,000 to date which is about 75% of the budget. Miller hopes the savings in energy efficiency will help. They have spent 2.293 million in Charter Schools.

III. Awarding of Bids

a. Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting

K Electric Inc.	\$50,989.47
Energy Source	38,982.00

The Business Manager recommended awarding the bid to Energy Source for \$38,982.00, noting there would be no out of pocket costs. They will be paid on bill financing over five years with savings gained.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Two Year Extension After school Childcare Provider

The Business Manager recommended extending the contract with MacColl YMCA for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

c. Two Year Extension Chemical Dispensing System

The Business Manager recommended extending the current bid award to MD Stetson for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years for the Chemical Dispensing System.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

d. Electricity

Bids were as follows:

	July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017	July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017
First Power Point	.07933	.0649
Integrist Energy Services	.07940	.07670
Trans Canada Power	.09276	.078960

The Business Manager recommended awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, First Power Point.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

e. Copy Machine Leases

The Business Manager explained the current contract expires October 2015, but the company offered to extend the contract for 40 copy machines under the Master Price Agreement for \$6,434.74 a month for a 48 month period.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll and Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion Carried 7-0.

IV. New Business

a. Removal of Obsolete Job Descriptions

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

V. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll reported Attorney Ben Scungio conducted an informational session for RIASC and did a great job. Superintendent Fortunato commended Deb McManus and her PACT board for the Taste of the Blackstone last Saturday and raising over \$11,000 for scholarships for Lincoln High School students. She offered special thanks to Amica for this event. Fortunato reported she and Chairwoman Donabedian attended the Middle School open house for incoming students. It was fantastic. This weekend is the high school Variety Show and she encouraged everyone to attend.

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VI. Community Comments

Josh Falk head of the BVP commented on school choice and made an open invitation to discuss any issue regarding Charter Schools. Raymond Salvatore stated he was proud of the committee for voting for the moratorium. Bradley Collins stated school choice always allows for raising the bar. Brenda Cunningham asked about what was hacked and the Business Manager stated it was accounting information, no student information.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

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JOHN CARROLL, CLERK

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DATE